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DELAYED BIRTH REGISTRATION LAW

The Legislature has passed A. B. 10 and Governor Warren has signed the bill which is now Chapter 13, Acts of 1943. It adds a new chapter to the Health and Safety Code and provides an opportunity for delayed birth registration at low cost. Forms and application blanks are in preparation and the new law will soon be in operation. Following is the text of the Chapter 8.5 of the Health and Safety Code:

CHAPTER 8.5. REGISTRATION OF PREVIOUSLY UNREGISTERED BIRTHS

10615. Any beneficially interested person born in this State, whose birth (a) was not required by law to be registered at the time it occurred, or (b) was not registered in conformity with law at the time it occurred, or if the record was filed but was thereafter lost or destroyed, may file an application for the original registration of such birth with the State Registrar or local registrar of the district in which the birth occurred. The application and the affidavits mentioned in Section 10616 shall be on forms prescribed and furnished by the State Registrar and shall contain such information as may be necessary to enable the State Registrar to determine whether such birth did in fact occur and shall show the place and the date of such birth. The application shall be filed in duplicate. The State Registrar shall immediately mail the duplicate application to the district attorney of the county in which the birth is alleged to have occurred.

The provisions of this chapter are not exclusive of the provisions of Chapters 7 and 8 of this division, but offer an alternative method of securing records of birth.

Affidavits or documents of aliens ineligible for citizenship shall not be accepted.

Birth certificates issued pursuant to this chapter shall not be considered as evidence in any action or

proceeding involving estates of decedents or in any proceeding to establish heirship unless the affidavit of at least one person who knew the facts was filed at the time of obtaining the certificate.

10616. The application for birth record shall be accompanied by:

(a) An affidavit of the physician, midwife or other person who attended at the birth.

(b) If the affidavit of the persons named in (a) can not for any reason be secured, the affidavits of both natural parents of the person whose birth it is desired to register, if both are living and available and the person is under the age of 21 years. If one parent is dead or is not available, or if the person is over 21 years of age, the affidavit of any person who knows the facts may be accepted in lieu of the affidavit of one parent.

(c) If neither parent is living or available, the affidavit of two other persons, either relatives or non-relatives, who have actual knowledge of the facts, and who at the time of birth were of sufficient age to have a recollection thereof.

Affidavits filed in accordance with provisions (a), (b) and (c) shall be accompanied by at least one piece of documentary evidence showing place and date of birth as outlined in provision (d) of this section; provided, however, that if a child has not yet reached its fifth birthday, the affidavit by the attendant or one parent is sufficient.

(d) If none of the affidavits mentioned in (a), (b), or (c) can be secured, at least two documents, in which the facts showing the date and place of birth were recorded more than five years before the date of application. Original or certified copies of hospital records, baptismal certificates or other church records, school records, census records, insurance policies or statements in applications for insurance policies, Army, Navy or Marine discharges, natural-

ization certificates of foreign-born parents showing registrant's name and age, voting registration records, family Bible records, birth certificates of registrant's child, marriage certificates, newspaper notices of birth, if sufficiently complete to establish birth, shall be accepted. If the aforementioned documents are not available, or are incomplete, the registrar may accept other documents which establish the facts.

All affidavits filed pursuant to this section shall contain a statement showing the basis of the affiant's knowledge of the facts sworn to pertaining to the date and place of birth.

Upon the filing of any such application with a local registrar he shall immediately transmit it to the State Registrar, together with the filing fee hereafter in Section 10618 of this code provided.

10617. The State Registrar after the expiration of 10 days from receipt by him of acknowledgment of receipt of the duplicate application by the district attorney, shall review the application and the affidavits and documentary evidence accompanying it, and if the evidence submitted complies with the provisions of Section 10615 and 10616 hereof, he shall issue and file a delayed certificate of such birth. He shall prepare either duplicate originals or certified copies of the certificate and transmit a copy to the local registrar of the district and the county recorder of the county in which such birth occurred, who shall index it and place it in a book marked "Delayed Certificates of Birth," except that if the birth occurred in a city and county he shall transmit a copy of the delayed certificate to the local registrar only. He shall also transmit either a duplicate original or certified copy of the certificate to the applicant without cost.

10618. A fee of four dollars (\$4) shall be paid at the time of filing to the State Registrar or local registrar for each application filed. The State Registrar shall retain three dollars (\$3) from each such fee, and shall transmit one dollar (\$1) to the local registrar together with the copy of the delayed certificate.

10619. The money so received by any local registrar who is also county recorder or clerk or health officer of any city and whose salary is by law his sole compensation for his services, shall be by him paid into the county or city treasury as the case may be.

10620. Any person who wilfully makes or files or causes to be made or filed a false certificate or affidavit pursuant to this chapter is guilty of a felony and is also liable to the State of California for a civil penalty in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500). Such civil penalty may be recovered in an action filed by the Attorney General in any court of competent jurisdiction. Three-quarters of the sum representing a penalty so recovered shall be paid into the State Treasury to the credit of the State General Fund and one-quarter into the treasury of the county or city in which the district is located in which the record of birth is filed or offered for filing.

10621. There is hereby created in the State Treasury the Delayed Registration of Vital Statistics Fund. All fees and penalties received by the State pursuant

to this chapter, together with the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) from the General Fund in the State Treasury, are hereby appropriated to the Delayed Registration of Vital Statistics Fund, to be used by the department to defray expenses incurred in carrying out the provisions of this chapter. The Controller shall draw his warrant from time to time in favor of the department for the amounts expended under its direction, and the Treasurer shall pay the warrants.

10622. From the sums available to it for carrying out the provisions of this chapter the Controller with the approval of the department shall transfer from the Delayed Registration of Vital Statistics Fund into the General Fund in the State Treasury the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) on July 1, 1945.

TRENDS IN VENEREAL DISEASE CONTROL

The establishment of rates of venereal disease infection is impossible to determine with any degree of accuracy. It is believed, however, that the venereal disease rates in the military of California are satisfactory. Since the venereal disease rates in the armed forces provide a frequent indication of true rates in the civilian population, it is believed that the cases of venereal diseases reported in California during the last five years provide a fair index to the trend of these diseases in California. The following case reports for 1941 and 1942 include civilians and also some cases that have been contracted in other States:

Year	<i>Syphilis</i> all stages	<i>Early</i> <i>syphilis</i> *	<i>Gonorrhea</i>
1938-----	23,292	6,430	16,329
1939-----	22,727	5,360	16,541
1940-----	21,785	4,126	19,638
1941-----	22,405	3,817	18,871
1942-----	25,038**	3,718**	19,746**

The fact that more cases of syphilis have been reported in 1942 is due, without doubt, to the discovery of latent and late infections among men in older age groups who were examined for Selective Service. Although the decline in early syphilis was less in 1942 than in previous years, the population of the State was unquestionably much greater. For the same reason, the increase in gonorrhea has occurred. The collecting of medical histories from physicians in private practice and from clinics on selectees rejected because of syphilis who have been placed under treatment has been started. These histories will be transmitted to the State Selective Service for use as a basis in determining physical fitness for induction and the course of further treatment in the case of syphilitics who may be inducted.

* Includes early, early latent and syphilis of less than one year's duration.

** Corrections for duplication incomplete.

CLINICAL LABORATORIES

At the end of January, 1943, there were 486 approved clinical laboratories in California. These institutions have been inspected as required under the law. The greatest number in a single county is 180 in Los Angeles County. Numbers of such laboratories in other counties of the State are as follows:

County	No. of laboratories
Alameda	31
Alpine	0
Amador	0
Butte	5
Calaveras	1
Colusa	1
Contra Costa	7
Del Norte	1
El Dorado	0
Fresno	11
Glenn	1
Humboldt	6
Imperial	1
Inyo	0
Kern	8
Kings	3
Lake	0
Lassen	1
Los Angeles	180
Madera	5
Marin	4
Mariposa	0
Mendocino	4
Merced	3
Modoc	0
Mono	0
Monterey	6
Napa	2
Nevada	3
Orange	8
Placer	3
Plumas	0
Riverside	8
Sacramento	8
San Benito	1
San Bernardino	9
San Diego	26
San Francisco	53
San Joaquin	8
San Luis Obispo	3
San Mateo	8
Santa Barbara	10
Santa Clara	11
Santa Cruz	3
Shasta	4
Sierra	0
Siskiyou	3
Solano	1
Sonoma	6
Stanislaus	3
Sutter	1
Tehama	2
Trinity	0
Tulare	6
Tuolumne	2
Ventura	7
Yolo	3
Yuba	5

PREMARITAL AND PRENATAL TESTS

In January, 15,367 premarital tests were performed in California. Of this number, almost 11,500 were done in private laboratories, almost 75 per cent of the

total. Since the premarital law became effective in September of 1939, 416,148 blood tests have been performed, almost 65 per cent of which have been done in private laboratories. Of these 416,148 tests, 6,468, or 1.6 per cent, were positive. Of the 15,367 tests performed in January, 317, or 2.1 per cent, were positive.

Since the prenatal test law became effective in September of 1939, 467,584 such tests have been performed in the State. Of these, 7,059, or 1.5 per cent, have proved positive. Out of 15,947 prenatal tests performed in January of 1943, 290, or 1.8 per cent, were positive.

REVISED LIST OF REPORTABLE DISEASES*Reportable Only:*

Anthrax
 Botulism—if commercial product notify State Department of Health at once.
 Coccidioidal Granuloma
 Dengue—keep patient in mosquito-free room.
 Epilepsy
 Food Poisoning
 Glanders—report by phone or telegraph.
 Jaundice—infectious or epidemic types.
 Malaria—keep patient in mosquito-free room.
 Pneumonia—specify type of pneumococcus, if known.
 Relapsing Fever
 Rheumatic Fever
 Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever
 Tetanus
 Trichinosis
 Tularemia
 Undulant Fever

Reportable and Subject to Isolation:

Epidemic diarrhea of the newborn (in institutions)
 Chickenpox
 Dysentery—Amoebic
 Dysentery—Bacillary—specify type, if known.
 German Measles
 Influenza
 Measles
 Mumps
 Ophthalmia Neonatorum
 Psittacosis
 Rabies—in animals. Use special card.
 Rabies—in humans.
 Septic Sore Throat (in epidemic form).
 Trachoma
 Tuberculosis—use special card.
 Whooping Cough
 Syphilis—use special card.
 Gonorrhea—use special card.
 Chancroid—use special card.
 Lymphopathia Venereum—use special card.
 Granuloma—Inguinale—use special card.

Reportable and Subject to Quarantine and Placarding:

Cholera—report by telephone or telegraph to State Department of Health.

Diphtheria

Encephalitis (Infectious)—specify type, if known.

NOTE: This means all forms of acute encephalitis such as St. Louis type, equine type, and any other epidemic form occurring in California.

Leprosy

Meningitis (due to the meningococcus).

Paratyphoid Fever—specify type A or B.

Plague—report by telephone or telegraph to State Department of Health.

Acute Anterior Poliomyelitis

Scarlet Fever

Smallpox

Typhoid Fever

Typhus Fever

Yellow Fever—report by telephone or telegraph to State Department of Health.

MORBIDITY***Complete Reports for Certain Diseases Recorded for Week Ending January 30, 1943****Chickenpox**

1,478 cases from the following counties: Alameda 135, Butte 5, Contra Costa 14, Fresno 94, Imperial 13, Kern 83, Kings 14, Lassen 8, Los Angeles 285, Marin 6, Merced 12, Monterey 44, Napa 16, Orange 67, Riverside 11, Sacramento 25, San Benito 2, San Bernardino 34, San Diego 162, San Francisco 123, San Joaquin 87, San Luis Obispo 17, San Mateo 8, Santa Barbara 18, Santa Clara 38, Santa Cruz 7, Shasta 5, Solano 43, Sonoma 38, Sutter 20, Tehama 33, Ventura 5, Yolo 2, Yuba 4.

German Measles

265 cases from the following counties: Alameda 57, Fresno 3, Kern 2, Los Angeles 60, Marin 2, Orange 7, Riverside 4, Sacramento 4, San Bernardino 1, San Diego 51, San Francisco 28, San Joaquin 2, San Luis Obispo 6, San Mateo 5, Santa Barbara 3, Santa Clara 14, Solano 1, Sonoma 12, Tulare 1, Ventura 2.

Measles

220 cases from the following counties: Alameda 28, Butte 2, Contra Costa 1, Humboldt 1, Kern 3, Kings 1, Lassen 1, Los Angeles 50, Marin 25, Monterey 1, Orange 1, Riverside 4, Sacramento 6, San Bernardino 3, San Diego 19, San Francisco 32, San Luis Obispo 1, San Mateo 9, Santa Barbara 1, Santa Clara 23, Santa Cruz 2, Solano 4, Sonoma 2.

Mumps

464 cases from the following counties: Alameda 39, Contra Costa 22, Fresno 5, Imperial 4, Inyo 12, Kern 5, Kings 5, Lassen 1, Los Angeles 124, Merced 1, Napa 2, Orange 11, Riverside 4, Sacramento 4, San Bernardino 10, San Diego 69, San Francisco 35, San Joaquin 65, San Mateo 9, Santa Barbara 1, Santa Clara 27, Santa Cruz 1, Shasta 1, Solano 1, Tulare 2, Yolo 4.

Scarlet Fever

194 cases from the following counties: Alameda 11, Butte 1, Contra Costa 4, Fresno 2, Imperial 1, Kern 16, Kings 1, Lassen 5, Los Angeles 57, Marin 3, Monterey 1, Orange 2, Riverside 7, Sacramento 4, San Bernardino 8, San Diego 16, San Francisco 7, San Mateo 5, Santa Barbara 1, Santa Clara 16, Shasta 2, Siskiyou 1, Solano 12, Tulare 6, Ventura 2, Yolo 3.

Whooping Cough

297 cases from the following counties: Alameda 46, Colusa 2, Contra Costa 1, Fresno 3, Kern 14, Los Angeles 123, Marin 1, Mendocino 4, Merced 1, Monterey 4, Orange 7, Riverside 16,

Sacramento 5, San Bernardino 1, San Diego 24, San Francisco 13, San Joaquin 2, San Luis Obispo 1, San Mateo 3, Santa Clara 13, Solano 4, Sonoma 2, Ventura 4, Yuba 3.

Diphtheria

36 cases from the following counties: Alameda 7, Fresno 1, Los Angeles 9, Marin 1, Napa 1, Riverside 1, Sacramento 5, San Bernardino 2, San Francisco 2, San Joaquin 4, Santa Clara 2, Yuba 1.

Epilepsy

49 cases from the following counties: Los Angeles 43, Marin 2, San Francisco 2, Sonoma 2.

Dysentery (Bacillary)

10 cases from the following counties: Los Angeles 8, Solano 2.

Food Poisoning

8 cases from Monterey County.

Influenza (Epidemic)

72 cases reported in the State.

Jaundice (Infectious)

2 cases from the following counties: Los Angeles 1, Yuba 1.

Malaria

2 cases from the following counties: Los Angeles 1, California 1.**

Meningitis (Meningococcic)

17 cases from the following counties: Alameda 2, Los Angeles 3, Madera 1, Monterey 1, Orange 2, San Bernardino 1, San Diego 3, San Francisco 3, San Luis Obispo 1.

Paratyphoid Fever

One case from Los Angeles County.

Pneumonia (Infectious)

102 cases reported in the State.

Poliomyelitis (Acute Anterior)

10 cases from the following counties: Alameda 1, Kern 1, Los Angeles 3, Marin 1, Napa 1, San Bernardino 1, San Diego 2.

Rabies (Animal)

9 cases from the following counties: Fresno 2, Kern 1, Los Angeles 6.

Rheumatic Fever (Acute)

6 cases from the following counties: Los Angeles 5, Santa Barbara 1.

Smallpox

One case from Los Angeles County.

Trichinosis

One case from Sonoma County.

Typhoid Fever

One case from Los Angeles County.

Typhus Fever

2 cases from the following counties: Los Angeles 1, San Diego 1.

Undulant Fever

3 cases from the following counties: Los Angeles 2, Tulare 1.

Gonorrhoea

232 cases reported in the State.

Syphilis

611 cases reported in the State.

* Data regarding the other reportable diseases not listed herein, may be obtained upon request.

** Cases charged to "California" represent patients ill before entering the State or those who contracted their illness traveling about the State throughout the incubation period of the disease. These cases are not chargeable to any one locality.

